(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Overbridges at Railway Crossing in Uttar Pradesh

3033. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request have been received for construction of overbridges at large number of railway crossing in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on 31st July, 1992;

(c) whether any of these overbridges have since been constructed so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount spent on such overbridges; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Road over bridges at 19 locations were sponsored by Uttar Pradesh Government, on cost sharing basis and have been included in the Railway's Work Programme.

(b) The locations for the 19 Road over bridges are:

Deoria, Ballia, Mau (2 Nos.), Gonda, Lucknow (Badshahganj and Aishbagh), Shahjahanpur, Ahrura Road, Sultanpur, Nazibabad, Subedarganj, Rai Bareilly, Hardoi, Phaphumau, Kanpur, Parsakhere, Barabanki and Banda.

(c) and (d) 3 of the Bridges have since been completed and commissioned. Details of their locations and cost is:

Lucknow Aishbagh	: Rs. 3.50 crores
Mau	: Rs. 2.04 crores
Gonda	: Rs. 1.72 crores

In addition the Railways have completed the Bridge proper at Banda, Ballia and Deoria. They will be commissioned when the State Government complete the road approaches to the bridges.

(e) Does not arise.

Direct Superfast Trains from Agra to Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi and Bombay

3034. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request for introduction of direct superfast trains from Agra to Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi and Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action on these requests has since been taken;

(d) if so, the details thereof with progress made as on 31st July, 1992; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two representations—one from Shri Vasudev Gehani of Agra for introduction of a superfast train from Agra to Bombay and the other from Shri Bhagwan Shanker Rawat, MP for introduction of trains from Agra to Lucknow/Varanasi/Allahabad have been received.

(c) to (e) 5063/5064 Avadh Express earlier running between Ratlam and Lucknow has been extended to Bombay (Bandra) at one end and to Gorakhpur at the other w.e.f. 1-7-92 thereby providing an additional service between Agra Fort/Agra Cantt. and Bombay.

Introduction of additional trains between Agra to Lucknow/Varanasi/Allahabad has not been found commercially justified.